

REGULAR MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

August 17, 2009

The regular meeting of the Loudon City Council was held on August 17, 2009 in the Council Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Those present were Mayor Bernie Swiney, Councilmen Mike Cartwright, Eugene Lambert and Lynn Millsaps. Councilman Lewis Garner was absent. Also present were City Manager Lynn Mills, City Attorney Edwin Arnold and City Recorder Stephanie Putkonen. Vicky Newman of the *News Herald* represented the press. Chris Smallen videotaped the meeting for LCTV3. There were six citizens present.

Attorney Arnold held the invocation. Councilman Cartwright led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Swiney asked if council members had a chance to review the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 20, 2009. **A motion was made by Councilman Garner, seconded by Councilman Lambert and unanimously passed to approve as written the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 20, 2009.**

Mayor Swiney welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone had anything to bring before council that did not appear on the agenda. He recognized Mr. John James.

Mr. James, owner of 72 Wine & Spirits, requested permission to hold a grand opening wine and cheese tasting in the building adjacent to his store. He said he plans to open a cheese store in that location in the future, but it would still be an empty space when he plans to hold the event. He said the Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) was okay with his proposal.

Manager Mills stated that section 8-307 of the Municipal Code states that it is unlawful to consume alcoholic beverages in the vicinity of a liquor store. He said ABC considers events such as that being proposed to be educational and are permitted. In order to comply with the city's ordinance he recommended a special exception or permit be approved.

Attorney Arnold said a special exception was previously approved for the police to discharge firearms in the park in order to have a turkey shoot. He drafted a resolution similar to that for their consideration, but broader to allow other future events.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Lambert, seconded by Councilman Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-19

AUTHORIZING CONSUMER EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS FOR THE LICENSED LIQUOR STORES

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Mayor Swiney presented a resolution approving the purchase of a water rescue boat. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Lambert that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-20

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A WATER RESCUE BOAT

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Council considered a resolution to surplus a 1995 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle and authorize its sale on govdeals.com. A motion was made by Councilman Millsaps, seconded by Councilman Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-21

AUTHORIZING 1995 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE VEHICLE TO BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Council considered the purchase of eight portable radios from the drug fund. A motion was made by Councilman Lambert, seconded by Councilman Cartwright that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-22

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8) PORTABLE RADIOS FROM THE DRUG FUND

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Council considered the authorization of a payroll deduction for voluntary supplemental accident, cancer and life insurance to be provided by Allstate. Manager Mills said that several employees had requested the offering of this insurance. **A motion was made by Councilman Cartwright, seconded by Councilman Millsaps and unanimously approved that Allstate be authorized to offer supplemental insurance to the employees to be funded through a voluntary payroll deduction.**

Councilman Millsaps asked if there was any record of accidents on the section of Main Street that some residents had requested be made one way. Police Chief James Webb said he hears complaints about a lot of near misses, and he did recall an accident involving a patrol car about four years ago. He said he would have to go back through records to be sure.

Manager Mills said a survey of the residents and property owners in that area would be taken about making Main Street one way from Hospital Drive to Brigham Street.

There being no further business, Mayor Swiney adjourned the meeting at 8:04 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor